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U.S. Patent No. 5,895,596

U.S. Patent No. 6,207,937 B1

U.S. Patent No. 6,211,495 B1

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Numerical Heat Transfer Simulations of A Vertical Batch Furnace
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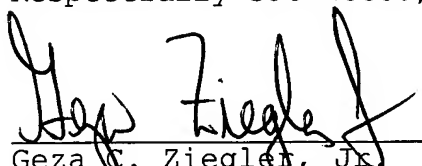
Improving Furnaces With Model-Based Temperature Control; Solid
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Title, Author, Date, Pages, Etc., if known)

	1) Numerical Heat Transfer Simulations of A Vertical Batch Furnace Under Closed-Loop Temperature Control; Semitool, Inc.; April 5, 1997; Pages 110-117
	2) Improving Furnaces With Model-Based Temperature Control; Solid State Technology; November 1996; Pages 119, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128 and 131

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